

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative Act of 1992, and not as part of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 which comprises this chapter.

SUBCHAPTER IX—STUDIES

§§ 3301 to 3304. Repealed. Pub. L. 99-198, title XIV, § 1421, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1552

Section 3301, Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1459, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1016, required Secretary of Agriculture to transmit to Congress, not later than March 31, 1979, an evaluation of economic and social consequences of programs of Extension Service and cooperative extension services.

Section 3302, Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1460, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1016, required Secretary to conduct a comprehensive study of effects of changing climate and weather on crop and livestock productivity and submit a report, with recommendations, to President and Congress within twelve months after Sept. 29, 1977.

Section 3303, Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1461, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1016, required Secretary to conduct, and, within twelve months after September 29, 1977, submit to President and Congress a report containing results of and Secretary's recommendations concerning an investigation and analysis of practicability, desirability, and feasibility of collecting organic waste materials.

Section 3304, Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1462, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1017, required Secretary to conduct a comprehensive study of status and future needs of agricultural research facilities and, within fourteen months after September 29, 1977, submit to President and Congress a report on this study, with recommendations.

SUBCHAPTER X—FUNDING AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 3310. Limitation on indirect costs for agricultural research, education, and extension programs**(a) In general**

Except as otherwise provided in law, indirect costs charged against a competitive agricultural research, education, or extension grant awarded under this Act or any other Act pursuant to authority delegated to the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics shall not exceed 19 percent of the total Federal funds provided under the grant award, as determined by the Secretary.

(b) Exception

Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to a grant awarded competitively under section 638 of title 15.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1462, as added Pub. L. 105-185, title II, §230(a), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 546; amended Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, §7222, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 454.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1462 of Pub. L. 95-113 was classified to section 3304 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-198.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107-171 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

§ 3310a. Research equipment grants**(a) In general**

The Secretary may make competitive grants for the acquisition of special purpose scientific

research equipment for use in the food and agricultural sciences programs of eligible institutions described in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Eligible institutions

The Secretary may make a grant under this section to—

- (1) a college or university; or
- (2) a State cooperative institution.

(c) Maximum amount

The amount of a grant made to an eligible institution under this section may not exceed \$500,000.

(d) Prohibition on charge of equipment as indirect costs

The cost of acquisition or depreciation of equipment purchased with a grant under this section shall not be—

- (1) charged as an indirect cost against another Federal grant; or
- (2) included as part of the indirect cost pool for purposes of calculating the indirect cost rate of an eligible institution.

(e) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2007.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1462A, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, §7402, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 456.)

§ 3311. Authorization of appropriations**(a) Existing programs**

Notwithstanding any authorization for appropriations for agricultural research in any Act enacted prior to September 29, 1977, there are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, except sections 3152, 3154, and 2669 of this title, and the competitive grants program provided for in section 450i of this title, and except that the authorization for moneys provided under the Act of March 2, 1887 (24 Stat. 440-442, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 361a-361i), is excluded and is provided for in subsection (b) of this section, such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 1991 through 2007.

(b) Agricultural research at State agricultural experiment stations

Notwithstanding any authorization for appropriations for agricultural research at State agricultural experiment stations in any Act enacted prior to September 29, 1977, there are authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of conducting agricultural research at State agricultural experiment stations pursuant to the Act of March 2, 1887 (24 Stat. 440-442, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 361a-361i), such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 1991 through 2007.

(c) Funding requirements for programs

Notwithstanding any other provision of law effective beginning October 1, 1983, not less than 25 per centum of the total funds appropriated to the Secretary in any fiscal year for the conduct of the cooperative research program provided for under the Act of March 2, 1887, commonly known as the Hatch Act (7 U.S.C 361a et seq.); the coop-

erative forestry research program provided for under the Act of October 10, 1962, commonly known as the McIntire-Stennis Act (16 U.S.C. 582a et seq.); the special and competitive grants programs provided for in sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Act of August 4, 1965 (7 U.S.C. 450i); the animal health research program provided for under sections 3195 and 3196 of this title; the native latex research program provided for in the Native Latex Commercialization and Economic Development Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 178 et seq.); and the research provided for under various statutes for which funds are appropriated under the Agricultural Research heading or a successor heading, shall be appropriated for research at State agricultural experiment stations pursuant to the provision of the Act of March 2, 1887.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1463, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1017; Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, §1437, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1314; Pub. L. 99-198, title XIV, §1422, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1552; Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1601(b)(3), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3703; Pub. L. 102-237, title IV, §402(12), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1863; Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, §§817, 884(d), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1167, 1179; Pub. L. 105-185, title III, §301(a)(12), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 562; Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, §7113, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 433.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in subsec. (a), see note set out under section 3102 of this title.

Act of March 2, 1887, referred to in text, is act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, 24 Stat. 440, as amended, popularly known as the Hatch Act of 1887, which is classified generally to sections 361a to 361i of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 361a of this title and Tables.

Act of October 10, 1962, referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 87-788, Oct. 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 806, as amended, known as the McIntire-Stennis Act of 1962, which is classified generally to subchapter III (§582a et seq.) of chapter 3 of Title 16, Conservation. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The Native Latex Commercialization and Economic Development Act of 1978, referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 95-592, Nov. 4, 1978, 92 Stat. 2529, as amended, which, as amended by Pub. L. 98-284, May 16, 1984, 98 Stat. 181, is known as the Critical Agricultural Materials Act and is classified principally to subchapter II (§178 et seq.) of chapter 8A of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 178 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-171, §7113(1), substituted “such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 1991 through 2007” for “\$850,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1991 through 2002”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-171, §7113(2), substituted “such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 1991 through 2007” for “\$310,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1991 through 2002”.

1998—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 105-185 substituted “2002” for “1997”.

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-127, §884(d), struck out “390 to 390j,” before “3152, 3154”.

Pub. L. 104-127, §817, substituted “1997” for “1995”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-127, §817, substituted “1997” for “1995”.

1991—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-237 struck out “subchapter VII of this chapter and” after “chapter, except”.

1990—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-624, §1601(b)(3)(A), substituted “\$850,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1991

through 1995” for “\$600,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986, \$610,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1987, \$620,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988, \$630,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1989, and \$640,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1990.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-624, §1601(b)(3)(B), substituted “\$310,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1991 through 1995” for “\$270,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986, \$280,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1987, \$290,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988, \$300,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1989, and \$310,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1990.”

1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-198, §1422(a), substituted “\$600,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986, \$610,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1987, \$620,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988, \$630,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1989, and \$640,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1990” for “\$505,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978, \$575,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, \$645,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980, \$715,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1981, \$780,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1982, \$780,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983, \$835,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, and \$890,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985, and not in excess of such sums as may after the date of enactment of this title be authorized by law for any subsequent fiscal year”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-198, §1422(b), substituted “\$270,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986, \$280,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1987, \$290,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988, \$300,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1989, and \$310,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1990” for “\$120,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978, \$145,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, \$170,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980, \$195,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1981, \$220,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1982, \$230,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983, \$240,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, and \$250,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985, and not in excess of such sums as may after September 29, 1977 be authorized by law for any subsequent fiscal year”.

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-98, §1437(1), inserted provisions authorizing appropriations of \$780,000,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1983, \$835,000,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1984, and \$890,000,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1985.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 97-98, §1437(2), inserted provisions authorizing appropriations of \$230,000,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1983, \$240,000,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1984, and \$250,000,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1985.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-98, §1437(3), added subsec. (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Section 1422(a) and (b) of Pub. L. 99-198 provided that the amendments made by that section are effective Oct. 1, 1985.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-98 effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4301 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Subchapter effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95-113, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 1307 of this title.

§ 3312. Authorization of appropriations for extension education

Notwithstanding any authorization for appropriations for the Cooperative Extension Service in any Act enacted prior to September 29, 1977, there are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of carrying out the extension programs of the Department of Agriculture such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 1991 through 2007.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, § 1464, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1018; Pub. L. 97–98, title XIV, § 1438, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1314; Pub. L. 99–198, title XIV, § 1423, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1552; Pub. L. 101–624, title XVI, § 1601(b)(4), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3703; Pub. L. 104–127, title VIII, § 818, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1167; Pub. L. 105–185, title III, § 301(a)(13), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 562; Pub. L. 107–171, title VII, § 7114, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 433.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107–171 substituted “such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 1991 through 2007” for “\$420,000,000 for fiscal year 1991, \$430,000,000 for fiscal year 1992, \$440,000,000 for fiscal year 1993, \$450,000,000 for fiscal year 1994, and \$460,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1995 through 2002”.

1998—Pub. L. 105–185 substituted “2002” for “1997”.

1996—Pub. L. 104–127 substituted “each of fiscal years 1995 through 1997” for “fiscal year 1995”.

1990—Pub. L. 101–624 substituted “\$420,000,000 for fiscal year 1991, \$430,000,000 for fiscal year 1992, \$440,000,000 for fiscal year 1993, \$450,000,000 for fiscal year 1994, and \$460,000,000 for fiscal year 1995” for “\$370,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986, \$380,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1987, \$390,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988, \$400,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1989, and \$420,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1990.”

1985—Pub. L. 99–198 substituted “\$370,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986, \$380,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1987, \$390,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988, \$400,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1989, and \$420,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1990” for “\$260,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978, \$280,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, \$300,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980, \$320,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1981, \$350,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1982, \$360,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983, \$370,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, and \$380,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985, and not in excess of such sums as may after September 29, 1977, be authorized by law for any subsequent fiscal year”.

1981—Pub. L. 97–98 inserted provisions authorizing appropriations of \$360,000,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1983, \$370,000,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1984, and \$380,000,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1985.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Section 1423 of Pub. L. 99–198 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Oct. 1, 1985.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97–98 effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97–98, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4301 of this title.

§ 3313. Payment of funds

Except as provided elsewhere in this Act or any other Act of Congress, funds available for

allotment under this chapter shall be paid to each eligible institution or State at such time and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, § 1467, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1018.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in text, see note set out under section 3102 of this title.

§ 3314. Repealed. Pub. L. 105–185, title I, § 103(f)(3)(C), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 528

Section, Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, § 1468, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1018, related to withholding of funds if Secretary determines institution or State is not entitled to allotment under this chapter.

§ 3315. Auditing, reporting, bookkeeping, and administrative requirements

(a) In general

Except as provided elsewhere in this Act or any other Act of Congress—

(1) assistance provided under this chapter shall be subject to the provisions of sections 450i(e), 450i(f), and 450i(h)¹ of this title;

(2) the Secretary shall provide that each recipient of assistance under this chapter shall submit an annual report, at such times and on such forms as the Secretary shall prescribe, stating the accomplishments of projects (on a project-by-project basis) for which such assistance was used and accounting for the use of all such assistance. If the Secretary determines that any portion of funds made available under this chapter has been lost or applied in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter or regulations issued thereunder the recipient of such funds shall reimburse the Federal Government for the funds lost or so applied, and the Secretary shall not make available to such recipient any additional funds under this Act until the recipient has so reimbursed the Federal Government;

(3) the Secretary may retain up to 4 percent of amounts appropriated for agricultural research, extension, and teaching assistance programs for the administration of those programs authorized under this Act or any other Act; and

(4) the Secretary shall establish appropriate criteria for grant and assistance approval and necessary regulations pertaining thereto.

(b) Community food projects

The Secretary may retain, for the administration of community food projects under section 2034 of this title, 4 percent of amounts available for the projects, notwithstanding the availability of any appropriation for administrative expenses of the projects.

(c) Peer panel expenses

Notwithstanding any other provision of law regarding a competitive research, education, or extension grant program of the Department of Agriculture, the Secretary may use grant program funds, as necessary, to supplement funds otherwise available for program administration,

¹ See References in Text note below.

to pay for the costs associated with peer review of grant proposals under the program.

(d) “In-kind support” defined

In any law relating to agricultural research, education, or extension activities administered by the Secretary, the term “in-kind support”, with regard to a requirement that the recipient of funds provided by the Secretary match all or part of the amount of the funds, means contributions such as office space, equipment, and staff support.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, § 1469, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1019; Pub. L. 105–185, title II, § 230(b), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 547.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in subsec. (a), see note set out under section 3102 of this title.

Sections 450i(e), 450i(f), and 450i(h) of this title, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), were redesignated as sections 450i(f), 450i(g), and 450i(i), respectively, by Pub. L. 101–624, title XIV, § 1497(1), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3630.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105–185, § 230(b)(1), reenacted section catchline without change, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), and inserted heading.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 105–185, § 230(b)(2), added par. (3) and struck out former par. (3) which read as follows: “three per centum of the appropriations shall be retained by the Secretary for the administration of the programs authorized under this chapter; and”.

Subsecs. (b) to (d). Pub. L. 105–185, § 230(b)(3), added subsecs. (b) to (d).

§ 3315a. Availability of competitive grant funds

Except as otherwise provided by law, funds made available to the Secretary to carry out a competitive agricultural research, education, or extension grant program under this or any other Act shall be available for obligation for a 2-year period beginning on October 1 of the fiscal year for which the funds are made available.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, § 1469A, as added Pub. L. 107–171, title VII, § 7217, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 449.)

§ 3316. Rules and regulations

The Secretary is authorized to issue such rules and regulations as the Secretary deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, § 1470, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1019.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in text, see note set out under section 3102 of this title.

§ 3317. Program evaluation studies

(a) The Secretary shall regularly conduct program evaluations to meet the purposes of this chapter and the responsibilities assigned to the Secretary and the Department of Agriculture in this chapter. Such evaluations shall be designed to provide information that may be used to improve the administration and effectiveness of agricultural research, extension, and teaching programs in achieving their stated objectives.

(b) The Secretary is authorized to encourage and foster the regular evaluation of agricultural

research, extension, and teaching programs within the State agricultural experiment stations, cooperative extension services, and colleges and universities, through the development and support of cooperative evaluation programs and program evaluation centers and institutes.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, § 1471, as added Pub. L. 97–98, title XIV, § 1439(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1314.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in subsec. (a), see note set out under section 3102 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97–98, set out as a note under section 4301 of this title.

§ 3318. Contract, grant, and cooperative agreement authorities

(a) Purposes, nature and construction

The purpose of this section is to confer upon the Secretary general authority to enter into contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements to further the research, extension, or teaching programs in the food and agricultural sciences of the Department of Agriculture. This authority supplements all other laws relating to the Department of Agriculture and is not to be construed as limiting or repealing any existing authorities.

(b) Authority of Secretary; legal effect of agreement; participation by other Federal agencies

(1) Notwithstanding chapter 63 of title 31, the Secretary may use a cooperative agreement as the legal instrument reflecting a relationship between the Secretary and a State cooperative institution, State department of agriculture, college, university, other research or educational institution or organization, Federal or private agency or organization, individual, or any other party, if the Secretary determines that—

(A) the objectives of the agreement will serve a mutual interest of the parties to the agreement in agricultural research, extension, and teaching activities, including statistical reporting; and

(B) all parties will contribute resources to the accomplishment of those objectives.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any Federal agency may participate in any such cooperative agreement by contributing funds through the appropriate agency of the Department of Agriculture or otherwise if it is mutually agreed that the objectives of the agreement will further the authorized programs of the contributing agency.

(c) Duration and eligibility

The Secretary may enter into contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements, for periods not to exceed five years, with State agricultural experiment stations, State cooperative extension services, all colleges and universities, other research or education institutions and organizations, Federal and private agencies and organizations, individuals, and any other contractor or

recipient, either foreign or domestic, to further research, extension, or teaching programs in the food and agricultural sciences of the Department of Agriculture.

(d) Vesting of title

The Secretary may vest title to expendable and nonexpendable equipment and supplies and other tangible personal property in the contractor or recipient when the contractor or recipient purchases such equipment, supplies, and property with contract, grant, or cooperative agreement funds and the Secretary deems such vesting of title a furtherance of the agricultural research, extension, or teaching objectives of the Department of Agriculture.

(e) Applicable requirements

Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, the Secretary may enter into contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements, as authorized by this section, without regard to any requirements for competition, the provisions of section 5 of title 41, and the provisions of section 3324(a) and (b) of title 31.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, §1472, as added Pub. L. 97–98, title XIV, §1439(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1315; amended Pub. L. 99–198, title XIV, §1424, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1552.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in subsec. (e), see note set out under section 3102 of this title.

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (e), “section 3324(a) and (b) of title 31” substituted for reference to section 3648 of the Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C. 529) on authority of Pub. L. 97–258, §4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance.

AMENDMENTS

1985—Subsecs. (b) to (e). Pub. L. 99–198 added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsecs. (b) to (d) as (c) to (e), respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97–98, set out as a note under section 4301 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 5924 of this title.

§ 3319. Restriction on treatment of indirect costs and tuition remission

Funds made available by the Secretary under established Federal-State partnership arrangements to State cooperative institutions under the Acts referred to in section 3103(16)¹ of this title and funds made available under subsection (c)(1)(B) and subsection (d) of section 450i of this title shall not be subject to reduction for indirect costs or for tuition remission. No indirect costs or tuition remission shall be charged against funds in connection with cooperative agreements between the Department of Agriculture and State cooperative institutions if the cooperative program or project involved is of mutual interest to all the parties and if all the

parties contribute to the cooperative agreement involved. The prohibition on the use of such funds for the reimbursement of indirect costs shall not apply to funds for international agricultural programs conducted by a State cooperative institution and administered by the Secretary or to funds provided by a Federal agency for such cooperative program or project through a fund transfer, advance, or reimbursement. The Secretary shall limit the amount of such reimbursement to an amount necessary to carry out such program or agreement.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, §1473, as added Pub. L. 97–98, title XIV, §1439(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1315; amended Pub. L. 99–198, title XIV, §1425, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1553; Pub. L. 102–237, title IV, §402(13), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1863.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3103(16) of this title, referred to in text, was redesignated section 3103(17) of this title by Pub. L. 107–171, title VII, §7502(a)(1), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 463. See notes set out under section 3103 of this title for Acts enumerated in par. (17) of that section.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102–237 substituted “subsection (c)(1)(B)” for “subsection (c)(2)”.

1985—Pub. L. 99–198 inserted provisions making prohibition on use of funds for reimbursement of indirect costs inapplicable to funds for international agricultural programs but required the Secretary to limit the reimbursement to amounts necessary to carry out the programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97–98, set out as a note under section 4301 of this title.

§ 3319a. Cost-reimbursable agreements

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture may enter into cost-reimbursable agreements with State cooperative institutions or other colleges and universities without regard to any requirement for competition, for the acquisition of goods or services, including personal services, to carry out agricultural research, extension, or teaching activities of mutual interest. Reimbursable costs under such agreements shall include the actual direct costs of performance, as mutually agreed on by the parties, and the indirect costs of performance, not exceeding 10 percent of the direct cost.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, §1473A, as added Pub. L. 99–198, title XIV, §1426, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1553; amended Pub. L. 105–185, title II, §231, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 547.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105–185 inserted “or other colleges and universities” after “institutions” in first sentence.

§ 3319b. Joint requests for proposals

(a) In general

In carrying out any competitive agricultural research, education, or extension grant program authorized under this or any other Act, the Secretary may cooperate with 1 or more other Federal agencies (including the National Science

¹ See References in Text note below.

Foundation) in issuing joint requests for proposals, awarding grants, and administering grants, for similar or related research, education, or extension projects or activities.

(b) Administration

(1) Secretary

The Secretary may delegate authority to issue requests for proposals, make grant awards, or administer grants, in whole or in part, to a cooperating Federal agency.

(2) Cooperating Federal agency

The cooperating Federal agency may delegate to the Secretary authority to issue requests for proposals, make grant awards, or administer grants, in whole or in part.

(c) Regulations

The Secretary and a cooperating Federal agency may agree to make applicable to recipients of grants—

(1) the post-award grant administration regulations applicable to recipients of grants from the Secretary; or

(2) the post-award grant administration regulations applicable to recipients of grants from the cooperating Federal agency.

(d) Joint peer review panels

Subject to section 3129a of this title, the Secretary and a cooperating Federal agency may establish joint peer review panels for the purpose of evaluating grant proposals.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, §1473B, as added Pub. L. 107–171, title VII, §7403(b), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 456.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3319b, Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, §1473B, as added Pub. L. 99–198, title XIV, §1427, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1553, provided for technology development for small- and medium-sized farming operations, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 101–624, title XVI, §1601(f)(1)(E), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3704.

PURPOSES

Pub. L. 107–171, title VII, §7403(a), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 456, provided that:

“The purposes of this section [enacting this section] are—

“(1) to reduce the duplication of administrative functions relating to grant awards and administration among Federal agencies conducting similar types of research, education, and extension programs;

“(2) to maximize the use of peer review resources in research, education, and extension programs; and

“(3) to reduce the burden on potential recipients that may offer similar proposals to receive competitive grants under different Federal programs in overlapping subject areas.”

§ 3319c. Repealed. Pub. L. 101–624, title XVI, § 1601(f)(1)(F), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3704

Section, Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, §1473C, as added Pub. L. 99–198, title XIV, §1427, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1554, provided for a special technology development research program.

§ 3319d. Supplemental and alternative crops

(a) Research and pilot project program

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the period beginning October 1, 1986, and

ending September 30, 2007, the Secretary shall develop and implement a research project program for the development of supplemental and alternative crops, using such funds as are appropriated to the Secretary each fiscal year under this chapter.

(b) Importance to producers

The development of supplemental and alternative crops is of critical importance to producers of agricultural commodities whose livelihood is threatened by the decline in demand experienced with respect to certain of their crops due to changes in consumption patterns or other related causes.

(c) Research funding, special or competitive grants, etc.; program requirements; agreements, grants and other arrangements

(1) The Secretary shall use such research funding, special or competitive grants, or other means, as the Secretary determines, to further the purposes of this section in the implementation of a comprehensive and integrated program.

(2) The program developed and implemented by the Secretary shall include—

(A) an examination of the adaptation of supplemental and alternative crops;

(B) the establishment and extension of various methods of planting, cultivating, harvesting, and processing supplemental and alternative crops;

(C) the transfer of such applied research to on-farm practice as soon as practicable;

(D) the establishment through grants, cooperative agreements, or other means of such processing, storage, and transportation facilities for supplemental and alternative crops as the Secretary determines will facilitate the achievement of a successful program; and

(E) the application of such other resources and expertise as the Secretary considers appropriate to support the program.

(3) The program may include, but shall not be limited to, agreements, grants, and other arrangements—

(A) to conduct comprehensive resource and infrastructure assessments;

(B) to develop and introduce supplemental and alternative income-producing crops;

(C) to develop and expand domestic and export markets for such crops;

(D) to provide technical assistance to farm owners and operators, marketing cooperatives, and others;

(E) to conduct fundamental and applied research related to the development of new commercial products derived from natural plant material for industrial, medical, and agricultural applications; and

(F) to participate with colleges and universities, other Federal agencies, and private sector entities in conducting research described in subparagraph (E).

(d) Use of expertise and resources of other Federal agencies and land-grant colleges and universities

The Secretary shall use the expertise and resources of the Agricultural Research Service, the Cooperative State Research Service, the Extension Service, and the land-grant colleges and

universities for the purpose of carrying out this section.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1473D, as added Pub. L. 99-198, title XIV, §1428, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1554; amended Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1601(b)(5), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3703; Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, §819, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1167; Pub. L. 105-185, title III, §301(a)(14), title VI, §606(a), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 562, 603; Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, §7115, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 433.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in subsec. (a), see note set out under section 3102 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-171 substituted “2007” for “2002”.

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-185, §301(a)(14), substituted “2002” for “1997”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 105-185, §606(a), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 104-127, §819(b)(5). See 1996 Amendment note below.

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-127, §819(a), (b)(1), substituted “1997” for “1995” and struck out “and pilot” after “research”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(B). Pub. L. 104-127, §819(b)(2), struck out “at pilot sites in areas adversely affected by declining demand for crops grown in the area” after “alternative crops”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(C). Pub. L. 104-127, §819(b)(3), struck out “from pilot sites” after “research”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(D). Pub. L. 104-127, §819(b)(4), struck out “near such pilot sites” after “facilities” and “pilot” after “successful”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 104-127, §819(b)(5), as amended by Pub. L. 105-185, §606(a), struck out “pilot” before “program” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(3)(E), (F). Pub. L. 104-127, §819(c), added subpars. (E) and (F).

1990—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-624 substituted “1995” for “1990”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-185, title VI, §606(a), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 603, provided that the amendment made by section 606(a) is effective Apr. 6, 1996.

§ 3319e. Repealed. Pub. L. 102-237, title IV, § 402(14), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1863

Section, Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1473E, as added Pub. L. 101-220, §5, Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1878, related to research into new commercial products from natural plant materials.

§ 3319f. Beginning farmer and rancher development program

(a) Definition of beginning farmer or rancher

In this section, the term “beginning farmer or rancher” means a person that—

- (1)(A) has not operated a farm or ranch; or
- (B) has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10 years; and
- (2) meets such other criteria as the Secretary may establish.

(b) Program

The Secretary shall establish a beginning farmer and rancher development program to provide training, education, outreach, and technical assistance initiatives for beginning farmers or ranchers.

(c) Grants

(1) In general

In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall make competitive grants to support new and established local and regional training, education, outreach, and technical assistance initiatives for beginning farmers or ranchers, including programs and services (as appropriate) relating to—

- (A) mentoring, apprenticeships, and internships;
- (B) resources and referral;
- (C) assisting beginning farmers or ranchers in acquiring land from retiring farmers and ranchers;
- (D) innovative farm and ranch transfer strategies;
- (E) entrepreneurship and business training;
- (F) model land leasing contracts;
- (G) financial management training;
- (H) whole farm planning;
- (I) conservation assistance;
- (J) risk management education;
- (K) diversification and marketing strategies;
- (L) curriculum development;
- (M) understanding the impact of concentration and globalization;
- (N) basic livestock and crop farming practices;
- (O) the acquisition and management of agricultural credit;
- (P) environmental compliance;
- (Q) information processing; and
- (R) other similar subject areas of use to beginning farmers or ranchers.

(2) Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, the recipient shall be a collaborative State, tribal, local, or regionally-based network or partnership of public or private entities, which may include—

- (A) a State cooperative extension service;
- (B) a Federal, State, or tribal agency;
- (C) a community-based and nongovernmental organization;
- (D) a college or university (including an institution awarding an associate’s degree) or foundation maintained by a college or university; or
- (E) any other appropriate partner, as determined by the Secretary.

(3) Term of grant

The term of a grant under this subsection shall not exceed 3 years.

(4) Matching requirement

To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, a recipient shall provide a match in the form of cash or in-kind contributions in an amount equal to 25 percent of the funds provided by the grant.

(5) Set-aside

Not less than 25 percent of funds used to carry out this subsection for a fiscal year shall be used to support programs and services that address the needs of—

- (A) limited resource beginning farmers or ranchers (as defined by the Secretary);

(B) socially disadvantaged beginning farmers or ranchers (as defined in section 2003(e) of this title); and

(C) farmworkers desiring to become farmers or ranchers.

(6) Prohibition

A grant made under this subsection may not be used for the planning, repair, rehabilitation, acquisition, or construction of a building or facility.

(7) Administrative costs

The Secretary shall use not more than 4 percent of the funds made available to carry out this subsection for administrative costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying out this section.

(d) Education teams

(1) In general

In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall establish beginning farmer and rancher education teams to develop curricula and conduct educational programs and workshops for beginning farmers or ranchers in diverse geographical areas of the United States.

(2) Curriculum

In promoting the development of curricula, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, include modules tailored to specific audiences of beginning farmers or ranchers, based on crop or regional diversity.

(3) Composition

In establishing an education team for a specific program or workshop, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable—

(A) obtain the short-term services of specialists with knowledge and expertise in programs serving beginning farmers or ranchers; and

(B) use officers and employees of the Department with direct experience in programs of the Department that may be taught as part of the curriculum for the program or workshop.

(4) Cooperation

(A) In general

In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall cooperate, to the maximum extent practicable, with—

- (i) State cooperative extension services;
- (ii) Federal and State agencies;
- (iii) community-based and nongovernmental organizations;
- (iv) colleges and universities (including an institution awarding an associate's degree) or foundations maintained by a college or university; and
- (v) other appropriate partners, as determined by the Secretary.

(B) Cooperative agreement

Notwithstanding chapter 63 of title 31, the Secretary may enter into a cooperative agreement to reflect the terms of any cooperation under subparagraph (A).

(e) Curriculum and training clearinghouse

The Secretary shall establish an online clearinghouse that makes available to beginning

farmers or ranchers education curricula and training materials and programs, which may include online courses for direct use by beginning farmers or ranchers.

(f) Stakeholder input

In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall seek stakeholder input from—

- (1) beginning farmers and ranchers;
- (2) national, State, tribal, and local organizations and other persons with expertise in operating beginning farmer and rancher programs; and
- (3) the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers established under section 5 of the Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992 (7 U.S.C. 1929 note; Public Law 102-554).

(g) Participation by other farmers and ranchers

Nothing in this section prohibits the Secretary from allowing farmers and ranchers who are not beginning farmers or ranchers from participating in programs authorized under this section to the extent that the Secretary determines that such participation is appropriate and will not detract from the primary purpose of educating beginning farmers and ranchers.

(h) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2007. (Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, § 7405, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 458.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, and not as part of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 which comprises this chapter.

DEFINITIONS

Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, § 7401, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 455, provided that: “In this subtitle [subtitle D (§ 7401-7412) of title VII of Pub. L. 107-171, enacting this section and sections 3310a, 3319b, 5925c, 5925d, and 7630 of this title and provisions set out as notes under sections 3101, 3319b, 5925a, and 5925b of this title]:

“(1) DEPARTMENT.—The term ‘Department’ means the Department of Agriculture.

“(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Agriculture.”

SUBCHAPTER XI—AQUACULTURE

SUBCHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This subchapter is referred to in section 3103 of this title.

§ 3321. Statement of purpose

It is the purpose of this subchapter to promote research and extension activities of the institutions hereinafter referred to in section 3322(b) of this title, and to coordinate their efforts as an integral part in the implementation of the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.) by encouraging landowners, individuals, and commercial institutions to develop aquaculture production and facilities and sound aquacultural practices that will, through research and technology transfer programs, provide for the increased production and marketing of aquacultural food products.